WHEREAS, The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) administered through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Office has wildlife habitat programs available to landowners; and,

WHEREAS, These programs include the opportunity for landowners to plant food plots; and,

WHEREAS, There are currently no options for landowners interested in quail to plant annual or biennial food plots; and,

WHEREAS, The current green browse food plot option in EQIP is good for wildlife, but is not that beneficial to quail; and,

WHEREAS, Creation of a grain food plot mix that could be alternated every year or every other year would much more beneficial to quail food needs; and,

WHEREAS, There is currently a State Technical Committee made up of Partners to discuss EQIP practices, and seeding specification: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, contacts the Natural Resource Conservation Service and urges them to discuss the addition of a grain food plot mix to the EQIP Practice Standards and Specifications at the next State Technical Meeting.